

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 22, 2004

IN RE:

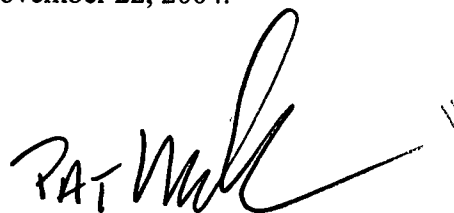
PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
WITH COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

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) DOCKET NO.
) 04-00318
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ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 8, 2004, for consideration of the *Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Franchise Agreement with Columbia, Tennessee* filed on September 28, 2004. During the Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to act as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing and to prepare the docket for hearing at the Authority Conference to be held on November 22, 2004.

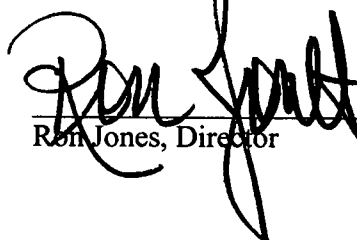
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Pat Miller, Chairman



Deborah Taylor Tate, Director



Ron Jones, Director